

REMARKS

Claims 1-38 are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter therein. Applicants request entry and examination of new claims 39-79 presented herein. No new matter has been added as a result of these amendments. The following remarks are respectfully submitted.

Elections/Restrictions

The Examiner has required restriction of the following inventions under 35 U.S.C. 121:

- I. Claims 1-16, drawn to a system for delivering an electrode assembly, classified in class 606, subclass 129.
- II. Claims 17-29, drawn to a method of placing an electrode assembly, classified in class 128, subclass 898.
- III. Claims 30-38, drawn to a method of utilizing a delivery service, classified in class 128, subclass 898.

Applicants have canceled claims 1-38 rendering the restriction requirement moot.

The Examiner has required election of claims directed to the following patentably distinct species:

Introducer Embodiments:

- Species 1: Figure 1
- Species 2: Figures 2A-2B
- Species 3: Figure 12

Guidewire Embodiments:

- Species A: Figures 3A-3B
- Species B: Figure 9
- Species C: Figure 10
- Species D: Figure 11A
- Species E: Figure 11B

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Electrode Embodiments:

Species a: Figures 4-5

Guidewire/Introducer combination:

Species aa: Figure 6

Species bb: Figures 7-8

Applicant is required under 35 U.S.C. 121 to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution of the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held allowable. Applicants elect, without traverse, the species associated with Figure 6 and point out that Figures 1, 3A-B and 4-5 each depict embodiments of individual elements, introducer, guidewire and electrode, respectively, which are shown in combination in Figure 6. Applicants assert that new claims 39-46, 50, 52-62, 65 and 67 read on the aforementioned Figures associated with the elected species.

Respectfully submitted,

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